

**Amendments to the Drawings**

Please replace the 82 sheets of drawings as originally filed with the accompanying 82 sheets of corrected drawings.

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 22, lines 9-10 as follows:

FIGURE 86 shows ~~FIGURES 86A-B show~~ the partial nucleotide sequence (SEQ. ID. No. 181) of the *dnaX* gene of *B. stearotherophilus*.